REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-identified patent application is respectfully requested. The Examiner is thanked for the careful examination of the application and for the indication of allowable subject matter. In order to expedite prosecution, applicant has accepted the claims that are indicated as allowable.

The foregoing amendments should be entered after final because they place the application in condition for allowance, i.e., claims 5 and 16 have been rewritten in independent form and all rejected claims have been cancelled.

Applicant's attorney also apologizes for missing the disclosure at column 5, lines 36 – 41, of USP 5,836,596.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Examiner is respectfully urged to pass the application to allowance.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this matter, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution of the application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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